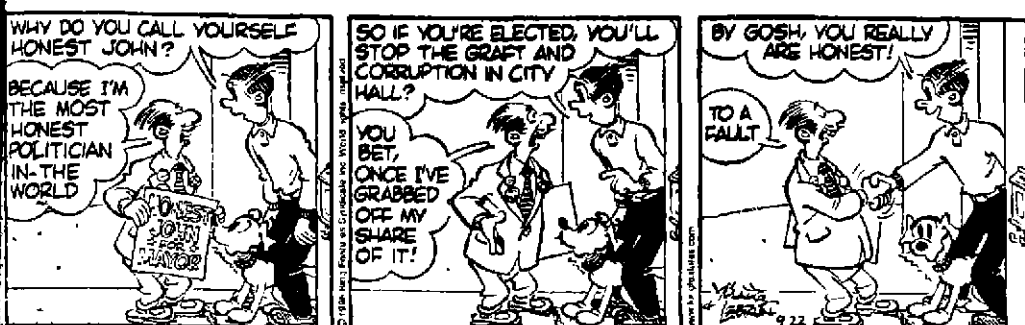


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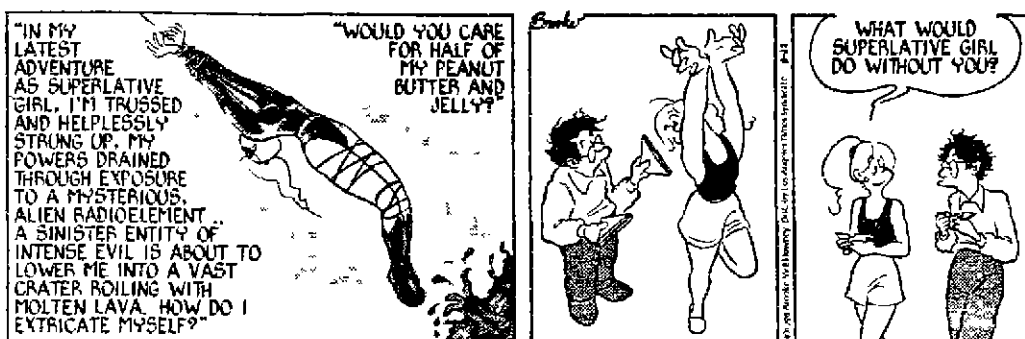
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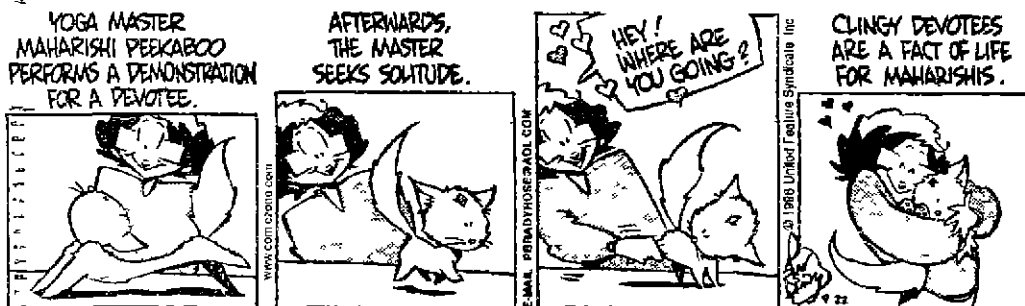
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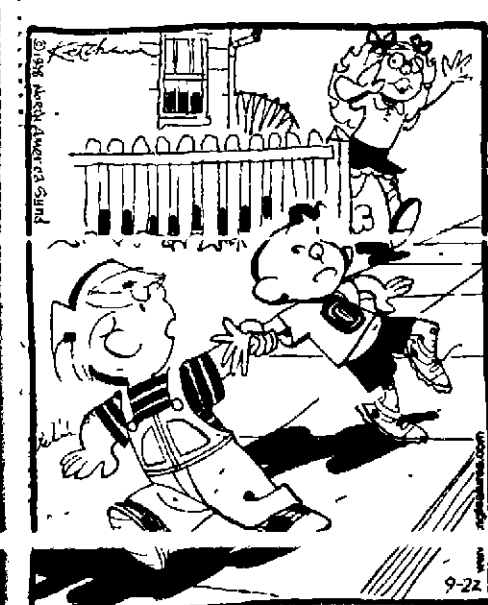
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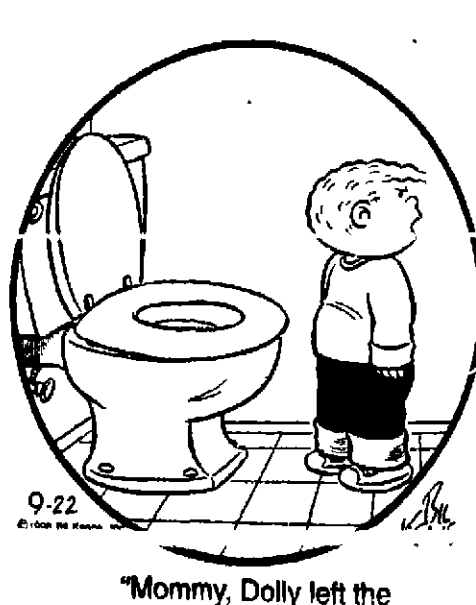
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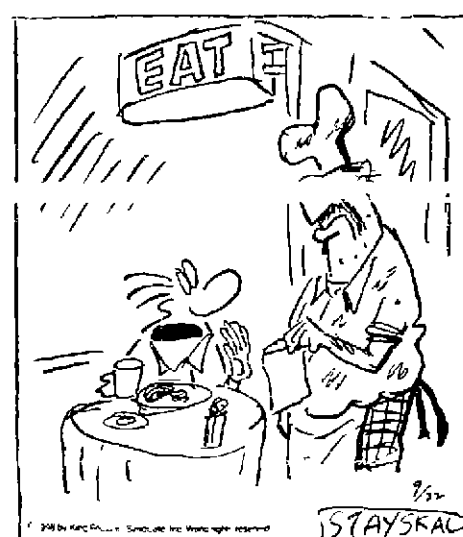
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Martha Scott is 84. Baseball manager Tommy Lasorda is 71. Actor Eugene O'Neill is 71. Actor King Sunny Ade is 52. Capt. Mark Phillips (the divorced husband of Princess Anne) is 50. Rock singer David Coverdale (Deep Purple, Whitesnake) is 49. Actress Shari Belafonte is 44. Singer Debby Boone is 42. Country singer June Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 42. Singer-musician Joan Jett is 38. Actor Scott Balo is 37.

I NEED HELP



Greenwich Mean Time.

SCRABBLE

For solution, see Classified.

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by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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WORD SLEUTH

Fields

Monday's unlisted clue: SNEAKER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: PRESIDENT JAMES —

Afield Coalfield Goldfield Oil field
Airfield Cornfield Hayfield Outfield
Backfield Downfield Infield Richfield
Camfield Fairfield Minefield

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Should a conflict arise with a friend or co-worker, make sure that you don't let your anger get out of hand.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Should you feel that an emotional attachment is becoming too heavy to handle, it might be time to put on the brakes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Issues of health are first and foremost on your mind. Put your concerns at rest by consulting your doctor.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Postpone all those oh-so-serious plans and spend this time playing games instead.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) While a business situation might seem clear-cut at first, it is likely that more research is needed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You are placed in the fortunate position of delivering a message that makes someone else's day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) While you may be feeling frustrated with the pace at which your career is moving, rest assured that a change is about to come upon you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A burst of physical energy gives you the strength to finally complete a difficult project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try and keep a low profile. It will be much easier to talk over sensitive issues when a little more time has gone by.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A friend can provide the missing link. Should you be put in a position of authority, make sure to use your power wisely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Engaging in a socially useful activity takes your mind off minor worries and has a lasting impact on your community.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you've never thought of yourself as an artist, think again. You are struck with the intense desire to create.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"My only hope was for the heart finesse to work," explained South. "No other suit offered a better chance for my ninth winner." "I have no quarrel with that," replied North. "However, you would have improved your chances had you played hearts another way." When West led his diamond deuce (fourth best), South enjoyed the comfort of knowing the diamonds were 4-3. However, to guard against possible chicanery, South refused the first diamond and took the second. Needing a ninth trick from somewhere, he took the shortest route to the heart finesse. Naturally, the routine heart finesse lost to East's queen, and the game went one down. Did South play the hearts to best advantage? No, he did not. The chances of finding the heart queen with West were 50 percent. He could have improved his chances to about 68 percent by approaching the hearts through the back door. After winning his diamond ace, South should cross to dummy's spade nine to lead a low heart to his nine, losing to West's 10. West cashes his diamonds, but South's chances are still alive. He wins West's exit, cashes his heart king, and when East's heart queen falls under dummy's ace, dummy's heart jack becomes the game-going trick. Why is the finesse to the heart nine better? It promotes dummy's jack not only when the 10 is with East (50 percent), but also when West wins the 10 but East has the doubleton or tripleton queen.

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Diamond deuce

North

♠ A J 9
♥ A J 7 3
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 10 4 3

East

♠ 7 6 4
♥ Q 5 4
♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q J 9 2

South

♠ K Q 10 2
♥ A 8 6
♦ A 8 6 5

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0811

ACROSS

1 Droops

8 Hula-Hoops, lava lamps, etc.

9 Tooth trouble

14 24-karat, goldwise

15 Settled down

16 The Sorbonne, e.g.

17 Mediterranean seaport

18 Punjab peacess

19 Confine

20 Basketball player's credo?

23 Free of charge

24 Blockhead

28 Pindanc work

29 Starchy tuber

30 You, right now

32 Allege as fact

33 Waters

34 Sacramento's Arco

35 Soldier's credo?

39 Science fiction, for one

40 "Over the Rainbow" composer Harold

41 "Dragonwyck" author Seton

42 Numb, as a foot

44 Wane

47 Superman foe — Luthor

48 Cookout leftover?

49 Armstrong's program

51 Bodybuilder's credo?

54 Warner's woe, it's said

57 Ticked-pink feeling

58 Quiz show sound

59 "Waterlilies" painter Claude

60 Equipment

61 Prefix with -derm or -therm

62 — bear

63 Talks noisily

64 Costner, in "The Untouchables"

DOWN

1 Like foam rubber

2 Display in the night sky

3 Kind of cracker

4 French lawmakers

5 Sends down to the minors

6 Anne Arks

7 Producer De Laurentis

8 Squelch

9 Fix, as software

10 Environmental sci

11 "Friends" co-star Courteney

12 Ho stung like a bee

13 Japanese bread

14 "Town"

15 Finished

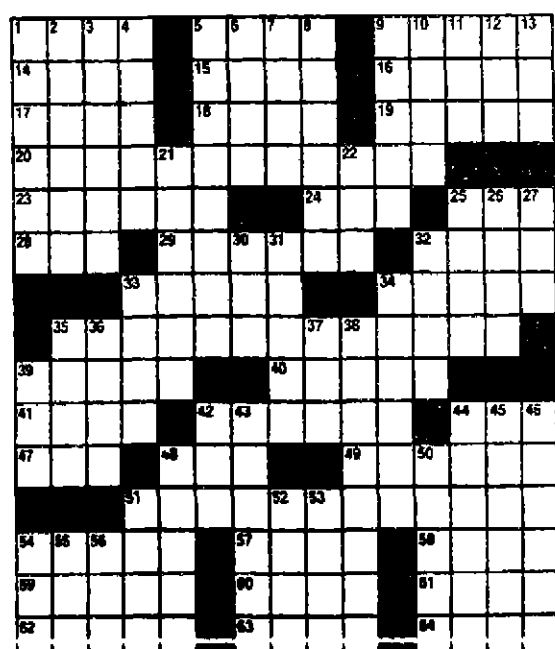
16 Say it ain't so

17 Mesozoic or Paleozoic

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

RIBS AVIAT AMMO
OMOO RINGO RAIN
YOURPLACEORMINE
ANNEHECHE EEN
LIC ISO SLEDGE
STET MATTE RUM
RAE PHEASANT
WHAT'SYOURSIGN
DIAMETER NET
TARY CEMENTS

REFERS EPA ITS
EXO AREACODES
HAVEWEMETBEFORE
UBEN LEANS FUNT
PERT INLET STES



Puzzle by Randall J. Hoffman

30 Carol syllables

44 "Seinfeld" role

52 Intestinal sections

31 Corruptible

48 Duck hunters' shelters

53 Minimal high tide

32 Elvis — Presley

49 Beatniks beat them

54 "Kill the —" (ball park cry)

33 Tay Mahal site

49 Central artery

55 Rhymester Nash

34 Synan city

50 Poverty

35 Hawaiian honker

51 Poverty

36 Cameo stone

52 MSNBC rival

37 Baunche or

38 Gran gatherings

39 — Friday

40 Nile biter

41 Like a yak's coat

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